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Halt, Civilians! Annual Convention 2001 Revisits the Civil War

Tar Heel Junior Historians and their advisers experienced a taste of the Civil War during the 2001 Annual Convention held on May 4. At Bennett Place State Historic Site in Durham, participants engaged in activities and programs that centered on the home front during the war. Among other things, students learned to make candles and treat "wounded" soldiers and even took part in a regimental drill. They also received awards for outstanding projects submitted in the THJHA contests. Check inside for all the happenings!

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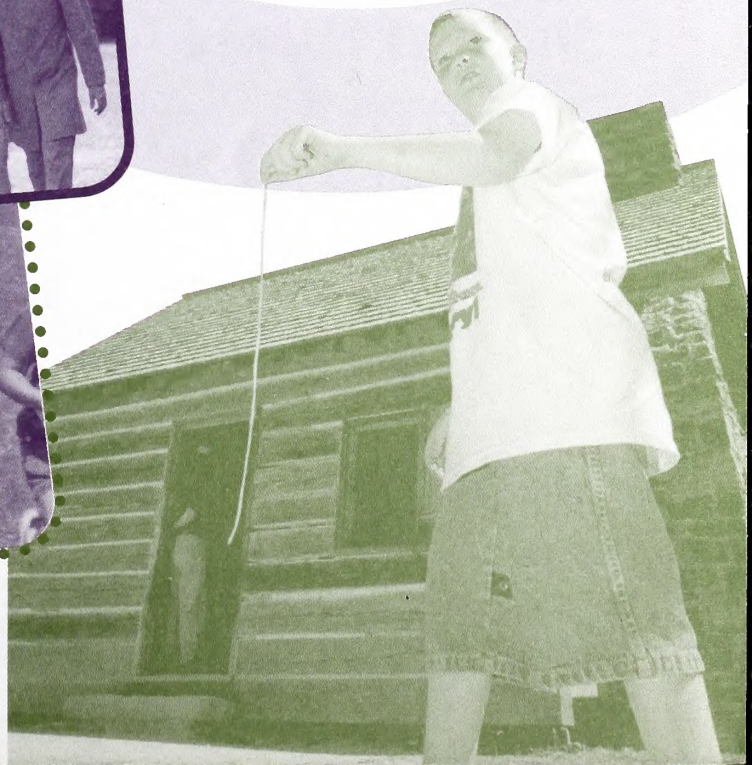

Tar Heel Junior Historian Association

Rookie Chapter of the Year

The 2001 Rookie Chapter of the Year award goes to a chapter whose name may be familiar but whose members are brand new to THJHA. The Oakboro Junior History Club, previously led by Janice Gibson, was led by two new advisers in 2000–2001, Wanda Thomas and Lu Cook. Thomas, Cook, and their students participated in many school functions, including sponsoring two booths at the Oakboro Elementary School Fall Festival and walking for the March of Dimes. The club entered forty projects into THJHA competitions and took home several awards. The new Oakboro Junior History Club is certainly living up to the Stanly County tradition of excellence, and THJHA congratulates it for a job well done in 2001.

Mountains of Praise for the Chapter of the Year

The 2001 Chapter of the Year is the North Carolina Pioneers of Burnsville Elementary School. Led by adviser Jeannie Davis, these junior historians were busy year-round. In 2000–2001, they went on ten field trips to museums, historic sites, and the North Carolina Mountain State Fair. They even attended a university lecture at UNC–Asheville titled "Mountain Heroes of the Civil War." On a tour of the Historic Nu-Wray Inn in December, club members decorated Christmas trees and treated their grandparents to a southern-style breakfast. This group from Yancey County was very enthusiastic about its Mountain heritage and North Carolina history, and THJHA is proud to call it Chapter of the Year.

Pioneering Individual Named 2001 Adviser of the Year

Congratulations to the 2001 Adviser of the Year, Jeannie Davis. As adviser of the North Carolina Pioneers in Burnsville, Davis involves her students in many historical events. Members of the club not only visit but also participate in local heritage festivals. The club's traditional Mountain clogging team, the Burnsville Cloggers (coached by Davis), took second place in a state fair competition. Club members also surveyed an abandoned cemetery and rode the Tweetsie Railroad. When the North Carolina Pioneers can't go out to learn about history, Davis brings history into the classroom! The club hosted twenty guest speakers, storytellers, and folk singers in 2000–2001. Under Davis's guidance, the Pioneers entered ninety-five projects into competition this year, the most of any THJHA club. Congratulations to Jeannie Davis and her students for a great year!

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Extra! Extra! Tar Heel Junior Historians Have a Run-in with the Law!

Not me, you say? Read *Tar Heel Junior Historian,* and you will! Meet the three branches of North Carolina's government—executive, legislative, and judicial—in the fall 2001 issue of *THJH.* Learn how laws are passed and enforced in North Carolina, and how we elect the people who will pass and enforce them. While "the truth and nothing but the truth" will be told in the fall, the spring 2002 issue will be full of tall tales. Read stories of our great state, and learn to "spin your own yarn" in an issue of *THJH* devoted to folktales and storytellers of North Carolina.

Visit THJHA in cyberspace when you try a Web workshop. THJHA will be offering two free, on-line workshops to members in 2001–2002. "Genealogy on the Web" is available now, and "Women in North Carolina" will be available in January 2002. Complete the entire workshop and receive a certificate, or do one lesson as a fun club activity. Contact THJHA for the Web address, and get started today!

Junior Historians Making the Grade

Christopher Crittenden State History Quiz winners include *(left to right)* Adam Ballance, second place, secondary level; Levi Giardina, third place, elementary level; Leonard Lanier, first place, secondary level; Emily Ball, second place, elementary level; Allison Huskins, first place, elementary level; and Alison Edge, third place, secondary level.

THJHA members once again tested their knowledge of state history in the Christopher Crittenden State History Quiz. Students with high scores in Part I wrote an essay based on the fall 2000 issue of *Tar Heel Junior Historian.* The winning essays described the challenges that North Carolina families faced at home during the Civil War.

Winners of the elementary quiz were:
First: Allison Huskins, North Carolina Pioneers, Burnsville Elementary School, Burnsville, Jeannie Davis, adviser.
Second: Emily Ball, North Carolina Pioneers.
Third: Levi Giardina, North Carolina Pioneers.

Winners of the secondary quiz were:
First: Leonard Lanier, Tranters Creek Historians, Washington High School, Washington, Carolyn Lanier and Mardie Bullock, advisers.
Second: Adam Ballance, Pirates of Pitt, E. B. Aycock Middle School, Greenville, Saundra Walton, adviser.
Third: Alison Edge, Tar Heel Junior Historians, Forest Hills Middle School, Wilson, Carol Brugh, adviser.

Thank You!

Four hundred twenty-five THJHA members and family guests attended the convention at Bennett Place State Historic Site in Durham on May 4, 2001. Students from twenty-six clubs (in eighteen counties) entered 488 projects into competition. THJHA would like to thank the following sponsors for their support:

- North Carolina Museum of History Associates (in addition to underwriting all of the convention activities, it sponsored the Artifact Search and *Tar Heel Junior Historian* Essay Contests; and the Rookie Chapter, Chapter, and Adviser of the Year awards)
- North Carolina Literary and Historical Association (Art, Media, and Literary Contests; Christopher Crittenden State History Quiz)
- Historic Preservation Section of the North Carolina Division of Archives and History (North Carolina Historic Architecture Photography Contest)
- Friends of the Archives, Inc. (Genealogy Award)
- Charlotte Hawkins Brown Historical Foundation (African American History Award)
- Caswell-Nash Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution (American Revolution Essay Contest, Elementary Division)
- North Carolina Society, Military Order of the Stars and Bars (Civil War Essay Contest)
- Preservation North Carolina, Inc. (Youth Preservation Award)

Tar Heel Junior Historian Essay Contest Winner

If someone challenged you to write about the creation of a new political party that included youth between the ages of nine and eighteen, could you do it? Well, seven members of THJHA accepted such a challenge and entered the 2001 *Tar Heel Junior Historian* Essay Contest. The winning essay came from the hands (and imagination!) of Adam Knepper (Davis Drive Middle Junior Historians, Davis Drive Middle School, Apex, Cynthia Baker, adviser). Adam's essay will appear in the fall 2001 issue of *THJH* on government, politics, and elections. Congratulations, Adam!

Programs and Activities

1. Chris Graham *(back left)* and Ernie Dollar *(right)*, members of the North State Rifles, walk "soldiers" through a regimental drill.

2. Cathy and Stan Clardy perform music from the Civil War era.

3. Kristen Stenvall *(left)* looks on as students practice how to roll cartridges as women did during the Civil War.

4. Docent Julie Bledsoe gives a tour of the Bennett kitchen. James Bennett was an Orange County yeoman farmer whose home was used as the meeting place for negotiations that ended the Civil War.

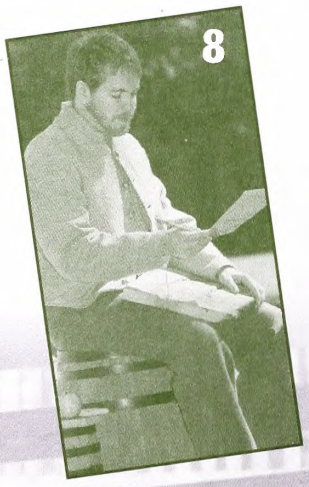
5. Some children's games played during the Civil War included checkers, graces, and pick-up-sticks *(pictured here)*.

6. Micah Smen *(left)*, of Jacksonville, explains collodion photography as practiced during the Civil War. Smen is one of only a handful of modern collodion artists.

7. Docent Brenda McKean shows participants how shortages on the home front created a need for "substitutions" of goods.

8. Eighteen-year-old Thomas P. Devereux (portrayed by Raleigh actor Micah Cover) left the Virginia Military Institute over the objection of his father to join the Confederate Army of Northern Virginia as a courier in January 1864.

9. At the Wayside Inn, Southern women helped tend wounded soldiers or comforted those who were homesick. Shown here are *(left to right)* Jackson Marshall, Don Scott, and Bonnie Scott.



Tales of Treasure:
Memorable Artifacts Found in Search

In 2001, THJHA members searched basements, attics, closets, and even the outdoors to find artifacts that related to home life during the Civil War. Winners received a T-shirt and certificate from Museum of History chief curator Charles LeCount. The top winners and their artifacts are listed below.

Emily Mya, Homeschoolers Unfolding History, Public Library of Johnston County, Smithfield, Elaine Forman, adviser—longleaf-pine blanket chest made by Elderberry Britt before the Civil War

Kristian Huskins, North Carolina Pioneers, Burnsville Elementary School, Burnsville, Jeannie Davis, adviser—smokehouse riddled with bullet holes from a raid by Union sympathizers

Abigail Starnes, Oakboro Junior History Club, Oakboro Elementary School, Oakboro, Wanda Thomas and Lu Cook, advisers—walnut and hand-punched tin pie safe

Lindsay Bell, North Moore Historians, North Moore High School, Robbins, Vince Greene, adviser—photograph of Union army officers outside William Henry Pearce home in New Bern, ca. 1862

Joshua Elks, WHY? (What Happened Yesterday?), Trent Park Elementary School, New Bern, Maryanne Brinson, Barbara Wolf, and David Keyser, advisers—Civil War–era blanket

Shanta Wright, Oakboro Junior History Club—framed portrait of Ella Covington

Mary Brooks, Historical Eagles, Spring Hope Elementary School, Spring Hope, Ellen Thomas, adviser—Civil War sword that belonged to Lieutenant William McEntire

Kacie Renfro, Bee Log Honeybee Historians, Bee Log Elementary School, Burnsville, Jason Robinson, Christy Deyton, and Sheila Ramsey, advisers—Civil War–era .22 caliber pistol

Alex Thompson, Historical Eagles—Confederate twenty-dollar bill

Artifact Search Contest winners *(front row, left to right)* Joshua Elks, Abigail Starnes, Kristian Huskins, Levi Giardina, Emily Mya; *(back row, left ta right)* Mary Brooks, Alex Thompson, Emily Creecy, and Kacie Renfro.

Savannah Lee Nall, North Moore Historians—homemade mutton tallow candles, ca. 1885

John Matthew Ray, North Moore Historians—Civil War–era .45 caliber Colt revolver

Emily Creecy, Oakboro Tar Heel Junior Historians, Oakboro Elementary School, Oakboro, Danny Poplin, adviser—quilt

Levi Giardina, North Carolina Pioneers—cowbell

Jay Hussey, North Moore Historians—Civil War–era musket

Nicole Wilson, North Moore Historians—Confederate passport

Sponsors Present Annual Awards

African American History Award

Kristian Huskins (North Carolina Pioneers, Burnsville Elementary School, Burnsville, Jeannie Davis, adviser) won the 2001 African American History Award for his project, "Bondage under the Youngs." Kristian *(on right in photo at left)* is pictured here with Tracey Burns, who represented sponsor Charlotte Hawkins Brown Historical Foundation.

American Revolution Essay Contest

The elementary division of the American Revolution Essay Contest had two winners: runner-up Kelsey Adams *(on left in photo to the left)* and first-place winner Emily Ball *(right)*. Both students were members of the North Carolina Pioneers, Burnsville Elementary School, Burnsville, Jeannie Davis, adviser. Betty Jordan *(center)*, representing award sponsor Caswell-Nash Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, announced the winners.

Civil War Essay Contest

The North Carolina Society, Military Order of the Stars and Bars sponsored this new contest. *(Left)* Megan Hey (Tar Heel Junior Historians, Forest Hills Middle School, Wilson, Carol Brugh, adviser) won the secondary division, and *(right)* Devin Gerney (Southbriar Creek Sleuths, The Gerney School, Raleigh, Ann-Marie and Stephen Gerney, advisers) received first place in the elementary division. Ed Martin *(center)* presented the awards.

Genealogy Award

The club Homeschoolers Unfolding History (Public Library of Johnston County, Smithfield, Elaine Forman, adviser) produced the project "The Medlin Chronicles" to win the 2001 Genealogy Award. Friends of the Archives, Inc., sponsored the award.

Youth Preservation Award

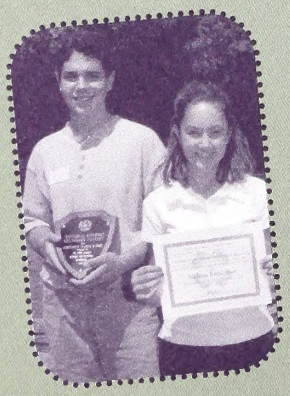
(Left in photo below) David Barbee (Oakboro Junior History Club, Oakboro Elementary School, Oakboro, Wanda Thomas and Lu Cook, advisers) restored an antique corn sheller to win the 2001 Youth Preservation Award. Wanda Taylor *(right)*, representing sponsor Preservation North Carolina, Inc., made the presentation.

Literary, Media, and Art Contest Winners

Judges from the Museum of History Division, Division of Archives and History, and Department of Public Instruction accepted the task of selecting winners in the Literary, Art, and Media Contests. The winning projects will be displayed in the THJHA gallery at the Museum of History through April 2002.

Individual Literary Contest, elementary winners *(left to right)* Katherine Weeks, third-place tie; Kristian Huskins, second place; Kara Clowers, first place; and Abigail Starnes, third-place tie.

Group Literary Contest, elementary second-place winners *(left photo, left to right)* Kirk Burnette and Jacob Fox, of the North Carolina Pioneers. Third-place winners *(right photo, left to right)* Jennifer Sarsfield and Elizabeth Standifer, of WHY? (What Happened Yesterday?).



Individual Literary Contest, secondary included *(left to right)* first-place winner Brian Dean Holcomb (FHS [For History's Sake] Historians) and third-place winner Melissa Faulconer (Pirates of Pitt).

Judges Read, Read, Read Their Way through North Carolina's History in the Literary Contest

Elementary division/individual
First: "I Am the CSS *Neuse*," by Kara Clowers, WHY? (What Happened Yesterday?), Trent Park Elementary School, New Bern, Maryanne Brinson, David Keyser, and Barbara Wolf, advisers.
Second: "Bondage under the Youngs," by Kristian Huskins, North Carolina Pioneers, Burnsville Elementary School, Burnsville, Jeannie Davis, adviser.
Third (tie): "Rogers Reunion 2000," by Abigail Starnes, Oakboro Junior History Club, Oakboro Elementary School, Oakboro, Wanda Thomas and Lu Cook, advisers.
Third (tie): "The Philips Family of Edgecombe County," by Katherine Weeks, Historical Eagles, Spring Hope Elementary School, Spring Hope, Ellen Thomas, adviser.

Elementary division/group
First: "Maintaining the Home Front," by Bee Log Honeybee Historians, Bee Log Elementary School, Burnsville, Jason Robinson, Christy Deyton, and Sheila Ramsey, advisers.
Second: "The Life of Big Tom Wilson," by Jacob Fox and Kirk Burnette, North Carolina Pioneers.
Third: "Letters to Father," by Jennifer Sarsfield and Elizabeth Standifer, WHY? (What Happened Yesterday?).

Secondary division/individual
First: "The Tales of Booger Swamp," by Brian Dean Holcomb, FHS (For History's Sake) Historians, Forbush High School, East Bend, Andrew Mackie, adviser.
Second: "My Mother's People," by Nikki E. Jones, History Is Fun Club, Jones Family THJHA, Rita O. Jones, adviser.
Third: "Daughters and Children of the Confederacy," by Melissa Faulconer, Pirates of Pitt, E. B. Aycock Middle School, Greenville, Saundra Walton, adviser.

Secondary division/group
First: "North Carolina Home Remedies," by Adam Ballance and Gale Sides *(pictured here)*, Pirates of Pitt.
Second: "The Family Tree of Jessica Lee and Megan Elizabeth Gentry," by Jessica Gentry and Megan Gentry, Oakboro Junior History Club and Oakboro Tar Heel Junior Historians, Oakboro Elementary School, Oakboro, Wanda Thomas and Lu Cook, and Danny Poplin, advisers.
Third: "The Medlin Chronicles," by Homeschoolers Unfolding History, Public Library of Johnston County, Smithfield, Elaine Forman, adviser.

Media Contest Continues to Inspire Computer Geniuses

Elementary division/individual
First: *The War between the States in North Carolina: A Test of Your Knowledge* (computer), by Emma Faulkner, Pee Dee Patriots, Norwood Elementary School, Norwood, Beverly McIntyre and Ella Booth, advisers.
Second: *The Story of California John Wilson* (video), by Kacie Renfro, Bee Log Honeybee Historians.
Third: *Town Creek Indian Mound* (computer), by Rob Howard, Oakboro Junior History Club.

Individual Media Contest, elementary honors went to *(left to right)* second-place winner Kacie Renfro (Bee Log Honeybee Historians); first-place winner Emma Faulkner (Pee Dee Patriots); and third-place winner Rob Howard (Oakboro Junior History Club).

Elementary division/group
First: *The Lost Letter* (video), by Homeschoolers Unfolding History *(photo at right)*.
Second: *N.C. History Computer Game* (computer), by Megan Cooper, Mitchell Banks, Abe McKay, and Allison Huskins, North Carolina Pioneers.
Third: *David Greer: Legendary Hermit of the Bald* (video), by Bee Log Honeybee Historians.

Secondary division/individual
First: *The Light of Cape Hatteras* (computer), by Prashant Katwa, Pirates of Pitt.
Second: *First United Methodist Church, Washington* (computer), by Drew Tingen, Washington-Pamlico History Club, P. S. Jones Middle School, Washington, Jean Williamson and Peggy Thompson, advisers.
Third: *A Look at Court Systems* (video), by LaTosha Worsley, Pirates of Pitt.

Secondary division/group
No projects submitted.

Individual Media Contest, secondary division winners included *(left, front)* first-place winner Prashant Katwa (Pirates of Pitt); *(back, left to right)* second-place winner Drew Tingen (Washington-Pamlico History Club); and third-place winner LaTosha Worsley (Pirates of Pitt).

The Art Contest: A Tradition of Excellence

Elementary division/individual
First: *The Randalls' House*, by Katie Walter, Pee Dee Patriots.
Second: *David Greer Cabin*, by Ashley Wells, Bee Log Honeybee Historians.
Third: *Handmade Bark Basket*, by Allison Huskins, North Carolina Pioneers.

Elementary division/group
First: *A Civil War Hospital: First Presbyterian Church*, by Joshua Elks, Isaac Clowers, and Brittany Cook, WHY? (What Happened Yesterday?).
Second: *Linn Cove Viaduct*, by North Carolina Pioneers.
Third: *Model of a Civil War–Era Cabin*, by Bee Log Honeybee Historians.

Secondary division/individual
First: *The Bunker Hill Covered Bridge*, by Laura Byrd, Fayetteville Academy Blue THJHA, Fayetteville Academy, Fayetteville, Lulie Harry, adviser.
Second: *The Fayetteville Arsenal, 1838–1865*, by Amy Jarman, St. Pat's Junior Historians, St. Patrick's Education Center, Fayetteville, Christine Hatcher, adviser.
Third: *Washington Post Office*, by Lauren Woolard, Washington-Pamlico History Club.

Secondary division/group
First: *Turnage Theater*, by Philip Angarole and Charles Howard, Washington-Pamlico History Club.
Second: *Carteret County Courthouse*, by Samantha Frazier and Megan Montgomery, Pirates of Pitt.
Third: *The Quilted History of North Carolina*, by Oakboro Tar Heel Junior Historians.

First-place winner in the elementary individual art category was Katie Walter (Pee Dee Patriots).

In the elementary group art category, the first-place winners were *(left to right)* Joshua Elks, Isaac Clowers, and Brittany Cook (WHY? [What Happened Yesterday?]).

Laura Byrd (Fayetteville Academy Blue THJHA) won first place in the secondary individual art category.

First-place winners in the secondary group art category were Charles Howard *(left)* and Philip Angarole *(right)*, of the Washington-Pamlico History Club.

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North Carolina Exposed: Photography Contest Winners

In the North Carolina Historic Architecture Photography Contest, junior historians receive high marks not only for their artistic compositions and photographic techniques but also on how well they document historic structures of North Carolina. These shutterbugs exposed their knowledge of historic preservation!

Photography Contest winners *(front row, left to right)* Andy Thomas, Winter Marie Davis, Daphne Kutkuhn, Paige Gualtieri, Israel Laws, Katherine Brown, Kirk Burnette, Mitchell Banks; *(bock row, left to right)* Tyler Cone, Kristen Whichard, Meagan Bivans, Micha Myers, Vance Honeycutt, Daniel Miller, and Kacie Renfro. The Historic Preservation Section of the Division of Archives and History sponsored the contest.

Architectural details

First: *Waterwheel at Bailey Mill, Bee Branch, Yancey County,* by Kirkland Ray Burnette, North Carolina Pioneers, Burnsville Elementary School, Burnsville, Jeannie Davis, adviser.

Second: *Detail of First Presbyterian Church, New Bern,* by Paige Gualtieri, WHY? (What Happened Yesterday?), Trent Park Elementary School, New Bern, Maryanne Brinson, David Keyser, and Barbara Wolf, advisers.

Third: *New Bern City Hall Clocktower,* by Daphne Kutkuhn, WHY? (What Happened Yesterday?).

Barns and outbuildings

First: *Servant's Dining Room on John Hanam Farm,* by Daniel Miller, Bee Log Honeybee Historians, Bee Log Elementary School, Burnsville, Jason Robinson, Christy Deyton, and Sheila Ramsey, advisers.

Second: *Power House,* by Vance Honeycutt, Bee Log Honeybee Historians.

Third: *Arville's Burley Barn,* by Israel Laws, Bee Log Honeybee Historians.

Houses

First: *Stonewall, Rocky Mount,* by Tyler Cone, Historical Eagles, Spring Hope Elementary School, Spring Hope, Ellen Thomas, adviser.

Second: *Foreman Homeplace,* by Winter Marie Davis, Oakboro Tar Heel Junior Historians, Oakboro Elementary School, Oakboro, Danny Poplin, adviser.

Third: *Attmore-Oliver House,* by Micha Myers, WHY? (What Happened Yesterday?).

Industrial/commercial buildings

First: *Seaboard Coastline Railroad Depot,* by Kristen Whichard, Washington-Pamlico History Club, P. S. Jones Middle School, Washington, Jean Williamson and Peggy Thompson, advisers.

Second: *The Grover Ray Store,* by Kacie Renfro, Bee Log Honeybee Historians.

Third: *Former Stanly County Opera House,* by Andy Thomas, Oakboro Tar Heel Junior Historians.

Institutional/public buildings

First: *Saint Thomas Church,* by Katherine A. Brown, Historical Eagles.

Second: *First Presbyterian Church Session House, New Bern,* by Meagan Bivans, WHY? (What Happened Yesterday?).

Third: *Price's Creek Union Church, Yancey County,* by Mitchell Banks, North Carolina Pioneers.

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